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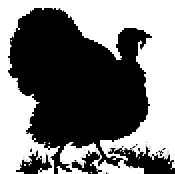
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on frozen hens and consumer sized toms continued steady to firm. Demand light to fair. No trading reported. Offerings held with confidence. Trading was heavy on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments, fair on destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Sellers were overall confident in the market. Some delivery problems were noted in the East in response to the remnants of hurricane Ivan.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate on frozen thigh meat, balance light. Demand light to fair with offerings held with varied degrees of confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 16, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	75	75.00	40	81.00	80	OCT	140	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	74	74.00	40	81.00	80	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	SEP

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 17, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	74.50 **	73.75 **	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	75.00	73.25 **	61.99
WESTERN REGION	74.50 **	73.00	64.57
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.90 **	73.75 **	61.26
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.25 **	59.50 **
WESTERN REGION	73.90 **	73.75 **	62.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-130

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-SEP-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	82.27 162	82.00 20
SALES (Promotions not included)	82.27 162	82.00 20
SALES (Promotions only)		
SALES (Price to be determined)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	435,710*
September 1-11, 2004	148,635*
To date 2004	3,503,115*
To date 2003	3,767,580*
Preliminary	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 11-Sep-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	729	-9	21.55	(A)	731 21.55
South Atlantic	734	-9	30.26	(A)	736 30.26
North Central	1,790	-15	31.83	(A)	1,792 31.83
South Central	399	-17	19.93	(A)	401 19.93
West	344	-14	23.24	(A)	345 23.24
U.S. total	3,996(B)	-13	27.75	9	4,005 27.75
To-date					
2004	155,695(B)			275	155,970
To-date					
2003	167,938(B)			508	168,446

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000; for the current year to date 1,826,000; for last year to date 2,264,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 11-Sep-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,564	2,371	61	9 4,005
Avg Wt	15.87	35.68	23.50	31.53 27.75
Last week	1,827	2,716	54	0 4,597
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,882	37	8 4,907
Avg Wt	15.25	34.37	24.16	30.02 26.56
To-date/2004	62,350	91,519	1,826	275 155,970
To-date/2003	67,488	98,186	2,264	508 168,446

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat showed signs of improvement with reports of both spot premiums noted for prompt shipments and spot weakness for next week's deliveries. The undertone on fresh destrapped tenderloins was steady with the balance of fresh white meat ranging steady to firm. Increased confidence continued to be noted on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins with the balance of frozen white meat steady to instances firm. Offerings tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins light to adequate, balance of white meat light at best. Some improved demand was noted into further processed channels. Delivery problems were noted into the South due to the hurricane with industry members watching for further developments. Trading fair on fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Livers traded at 22 cents delivered pet foods and fresh tom drums 45 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	98.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	84.00		84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	44.00-45.00		44.58	74
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	48.00-53.00		50.44	41
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	46.00-47.00		46.58	19
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00-50.00		47.43	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	87.50	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.00	42
NECKS, HEN	22.00-23.00		22.47	38
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	163.00		163.00	41
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	199.00-214.00		206.33	360
THIGH MEAT		T	84.00	20
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	87.00-90.00		88.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	129.00		129.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	156.00		156.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	165.00		165.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00-188.00		187.00	100
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.00		65.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50-19.00		18.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	19.00	96
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	43.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	34.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50		17.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.50		84.50	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2004.

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to instances firm with full-cut wings in the strongest position. Demand slow to moderate with offerings held with confidence. Hen bulk parts trade sentiment steady to instances firm with 2-joint wings strongest. Demand mixed. Offerings of hen bulk parts short to instances light with necks the most available. Domestic trading was heavy on fresh tom breast meat, fair on fresh and frozen destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Export trading was fair on frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 106-113 mostly 106-108, scapula 107-112 cents delivered. For export: livers 20 shipping point, fresh mechanically separated turkey 18, fresh thigh meat 88 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	98.00	160		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	38		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	84.00	40	84.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	80	43.71	251
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.00	9	42.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	50.00		50.00	80	49.23	173
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	40	50.85	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	47.43	70	43.23	310
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	87.50	40	87.50	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	120	25.17	214
NECKS, HEN		R	22.47	38	22.47	38
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	163.00	41	163.00	41
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	199.00-212.00		208.21	770	207.71	1250
THIGH MEAT	82.00		82.00	6	83.54	26
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	24	88.29	149
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	129.00	40	129.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	100.00		100.00	20	100.00	20
TENDERLOINS		R	156.00	20	156.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	161.00-163.00		161.33	240	162.25	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.00		65.00	40	62.75	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00-188.00		187.94	320	187.75	480
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.75	80	18.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	131	19.00	427
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-44.00		43.67	120	43.63	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	34.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80	17.38	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-84.00		81.56	320	82.94	744

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